

Theme Community Meeting Notes

July 12, 2018

1-3 ET

Attendees

FGDC Staff

Name	Agency	Role(s)		Name	Agency	Role(s)	
Lorna Schmid	USGS	FGDC OS	✓	James Irvine	USGS	FGDC OS-CS	✓
John Mahoney	USGS	FGDC OS	✓	Robin Hoban	USGS	FGDC OS-CS	✓

Theme Leads

Theme	Name	Agency	Role(s)	Addition or Proxy	
Address	Lynda Liptrap	Census Bureau	TL	Chuck Spicer	✓
Address	Steve Lewis	DOT	TL		
Biodiversity and Ecosystems	Marcia McNiff	USGS	TL		
Cadastre	Dominica VanKoten	BLM	TL	Leonard Gore	✓
Climate and Weather	Kari Sheets	NOAA	TL		✓
Cultural Resources	Deidre McCarthy	NPS	TL		✓
Elevation	Ashley Chappell	NOAA	TL		
Elevation	Diane Eldridge	USGS	TL		✓
Geodetic Control	Daniel Roman	NOAA	TL/DSM	Monica Youngman	✓
Geology	Paul Godfriaux	BOEM	TL/DSM	Lora Turner	✓
Geology	Dave Soller	USGS	TL		
Governmental Units	Dierdre Bevington-Attardi	Census Bureau	TL	Chuck Spicer	✓
Imagery	John Cullen	USGS	TL		
Imagery	Shirley Hall	USDA	TL		✓
Land Use - Land Cover	Greg Reams	USFS	TL/DSM	John Hutchinson	✓
Land Use - Land Cover	[Co-Lead TBD]	USGS	TL		
Real Property	Aluanda Drain	GSA	TL		
Soils	Drew Kinney	USDA	TL		
Transportation	Raquel Wright	DOT	TL		✓
Utilities - Offshore	Jeff Harris	BSEE	TL		
Utilities - Terrestrial	TBD				
Water - Inland	Megan Lang	FWS	TL		
Water - Inland	Rebecca Anderson	USGS	TL/DSM	Sue Buto	✓
Water - Oceans and Coasts	Patrick Keown	NOAA	TL		✓

Other Participants

Name	Name	Name	Name
Blair Parker	Lorri Peltz-Lewis	Shawn Maddock	Tyler Christensen
Bridget Williams	Godfred Amponseh	Paul Wiese	

Agenda

- ❖ Roll Call
- ❖ Action Item Review
- ❖ 2017 Theme Reports Status
- ❖ NGDA Theme Communities Update
- ❖ NGDA Portfolio Reporting Timeline
- ❖ COGO Report Card
- ❖ Reminder: 2018 NGDA Web Services and Metadata Project
- ❖ Status Update: Proposed NGDA Changes
- ❖ NGDA Inventory & POC Updates
- ❖ Open Discussion

Action Items

In Progress Actions	Responsible Party(ies)	Description	Action or Result
Theme Implementation Plan (TIP) Submission	Theme Leads	Theme Leads to submit Theme Implementation Plans by 10/31/17 including 2017 Progress Summary Table.	Past Due: Themes that still need to submit a plan (Biodiversity and Ecosystems, Cadastre, Climate and Weather, Land Use Land Cover, Soils): Coordinate with Lorna Schmid (ngdateam@fgdc.gov) with questions or estimated submission date.
Theme Summary Report (TSR)	Theme Leads	Theme Leads to submit review of NGDA Theme Summary Report by 01/12/18 including summary status table of 2017 goals and objectives.	Complete: All Theme Summary Reports have been reviewed and submitted. 14 of 16 reports have been approved by the Coordination Group (CG); the two remaining reports will be submitted for CG approval.
NGDA Theme Communities Review Process – Theme Community Working Group	Theme Leads, GeoPlatform Team	Theme Community Working Group to develop a standardized Theme Community with input from the Theme Community.	Ongoing: Theme Community Working Group is being formed and Use Cases and requirements are being developed. Action: Call for volunteers to join the Theme Community Working Group.

NGDA Theme Communities Review Process (continued) – Individual Theme Community Pages and Posted Reports Review	Theme Leads, NGDA Team	Review general Theme content and posted reports (final TSP, TIP, and TSR) on your respective Theme Community pages.	<p>Ongoing: Theme Leads reviewing Theme Community pages to check that the Theme descriptions and uploaded reports are correct.</p> <p>Action: Send any comments or changes to ngdateam@fgdc.gov.</p>
NGDA Metadata	Theme Leads, Dataset Managers	Dataset Managers and Theme Leads to review links to respective NGDA metadata records for accuracy: https://www.fgdc.gov/ngda-reports/NGDA_Datasets.html	<p>Ongoing: Dataset Managers and Theme Leads reviewing metadata records for <u>Titles, keywords, web services, data download and metadata formatting</u>.</p>
Proposed NGDA Changes	Dataset Managers and Theme Leads	Dataset Managers and Theme Leads to review and approve NGDA changes.	<p>In Progress: Once NGDA changes are approved, the recommendations will be forwarded to the Coordination Group for final approval.</p>
COGO Contact and Status Updates	Theme Leads FGDC OS	COGO Report Card evaluations are in progress or complete for the NGDA Themes. Once a draft report is available from COGO, FGDC and Theme Leads may be able to review and provide feedback prior to publication.	<p>In Progress: COGO Report Card draft evaluations are complete for most Themes, and an initial draft report is anticipated in late August or September.</p> <p>Action: Please notify John Mahoney (jmahoney@usgs.gov) and Lorna Schmid (lorna@usgs.gov) with updates on any contact with COGO Teams.</p>

2017 Theme Reports Status – Lorna Schmid

Theme Summary Reports (TSR) – 14 of 16 TSR submitted to the Coordination Group were approved. Two remaining reports were also completed so we are now at 100% completion. The Dataset Reports are also complete but have not been uploaded yet pending the bulk upload capability, which is in progress.

NGDA Theme Communities Update – Lorna Schmid

We are hosting a meeting with GeoPlatform Team and an ArdentMC WordPress expert with the goal to identify all services and plugins available for use in the Theme Community sites. We will use the documentation and use cases to get all the tools and content (e.g. map galleries with exemplar uses and datasets) on the Community pages. We have volunteers from the Governmental Units and Elevation Themes so far and we are seeking others to join this ad hoc working group. If anyone else would like to attend the meeting, you can send an email to lorna@usgs.gov. We will use those two sites as exemplars for the other communities to reference and use for their own site. The Community sites have been rolled out so please review your content and let us know if any updates or changes are required.

COGO Report Card – John Mahoney

COGO is still in process of compiling their final report with a projected completion of late August or September. FGDC met with Cy Smith who is one of the leads on the effort. Ivan DeLoatch also met with the COGO Board at the Esri UC this week.

Other FGDC Updates – John Mahoney and Lorna Schmid

John: The FGDC Chair, Tim Petty, has asked agencies to re-designate their Senior Agency Official for Geospatial Information (SAOGI) and the next Steering Committee meeting is planned for late July. One item will be to attend an orientation webinar (July 19) to include background on the program and priorities. We encourage you to reach out to them to brief them up on activities in advance. We want to make sure they have the contacts within their organization for FGDC activities.

Lorna: We are also working on a similar briefing for the Theme Lead Community.

John: FGDC is putting out a Call for Nominations for the National Geospatial Advisory Committee (NGAC). The federal advisory committee consists of State, local, and Tribal government, academia, nonprofit and private sector partners (<https://www.fgdc.gov/ngac>). If you have partners who may want to serve on the committee, please reach out to them and encourage them to submit a nomination.

Lorna: We will be sending a reminder for the upcoming July 24-25 OGC Disasters Workshop being held at NOAA in Silver Spring, MD. We want to identify NGDA datasets that are used within the disaster community, in order to pilot efforts using tools to ensure NGDA readiness to support disasters.

John: The Office of Science and Technology Policy (OSTP) is very interested in this and wants to serve as co-sponsor.

Lorna: We may learn things during the pilots to facilitate improvement of processes for management and care of the NGDAs and the NGDA Portfolio, like the Lifecycle Maturity Assessment process. We also expect to identify datasets that are not yet identified as NGDA that perhaps should be.

Reminder: 2018 NGDA Web Services and Metadata Project - Lorna Schmid

If you don't yet have your webservices in your metadata and you need some help with that, please reach out to us (ngdateam@fgdc.gov).

Status Update: Proposed NGDA Changes

As part of the process for proposed changes, we sent an email to TL and DSM on June 4 (one on July 5) confirming them. We documented the changes and reviewed them with the Theme Community, and the next step will be to send them to the Coordination Group for approval. See the meeting slides for details on the proposed changes for Cadastre and Imagery Theme NGDA.

NGDA Inventory & POC Updates

Monica Youngman – Geodetic Theme DSM for the Airborne Gravity NGDA is changing positions but we haven't identified the new POC yet.

Other Updates and Open Discussion

- The next TL meeting will be August 7 from 11am – 1pm ET.
- The Artic Spatial Data Working Group will be hosting a side meeting at the upcoming UN-GGIM August 1-3.
- Esri UC also taking place this week.
- The next UN-GGIM is planned for November in Mexico City.

Lynda – What is the process to make changes to Community pages?

Lorna – The Themes can make changes to their sites now. You have to use HTML to make those changes. We would also be glad to work with you and the GeoPlatform team to walk you through the process to make changes. That is one of the goals of the ad hoc Working Group to ensure that documentation is available to the Theme Community.

Shirley – Our staff member is running into a problem with the Community Sites and GeoPlatform again and she has contacted the Service Desk. We want to make sure that she gets help since she has some priority updated that need to be done. I will let you know if it is not resolved by tomorrow. [follow-up: it was taken care of..]

Patrick – We have had discussions with Marine & Coastal Data Subcommittee, chaired by Hamilton Smiley, and need to follow up on that with you.